

### REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-22, 25-26, 28, 31-32, 34, 37, and 39 are pending. In the present Office Action, claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-22, 25-26, 28, 31-32, 34, 37, and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Glew et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,721,857 ("Glew"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and requests reconsideration. Claims 8, 16, 27, 33, and 38 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of the claims over Glew, and respectfully submit that the claims as pending prior to this amendment are patentable over Glew. Merely to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, Applicant has amended: claim 1 to include the features of claim 8; claim 9 to include the features of claim 16; claim 22 to include the features of claim 27; claim 28 to include the features of claim 33; and claim 34 to include the features of claim 38. Accordingly, claims 1, 9, 22, 28, and 34 are in condition for allowance. Claims 2-7, 10-15, 25-26, 31-32, 37, and 39 each depend from one of claims 1, 9, 22, 28, or 34. Accordingly, each of these claims is also in condition for allowance.

Applicant has also amended claim 17 to recite: "A method comprising processing a system call instruction, the processing comprising selectively updating a given flag of a plurality of flags responsive to a corresponding indication in a mask, wherein the mask comprises a plurality of indications, and wherein each of the plurality of indications corresponds to a respective flag of the plurality of flags and indicates whether or not the respective flag is updated in response to the system call instruction; and the processing further comprising storing the updated plurality of flags in a storage location configured to store the plurality of flags". Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment places claim 17 in condition for allowance for reasons similar to those leading to the allowance of the other claims. Claims 18-21 depend from claim 17, and thus are also in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5500-78200/LJM.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Please debit the above deposit account in the amount of \$            for fees (        ).
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,



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